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24 THE FACILITATOR: Joy Wilson.

MS. WILSON: Hello. I have a very brief statement.

- 1 But I think that if we bury the nuclear waste, it's like
- 2 business as usual, and it's not admitting that we don't
- 3 have the real solution to the problem.
- 4 I think that our times call for a radical
- 5 departure from business as usual so that our young people
- 6 will have some hope for their future, because they see the
- 7 writing on the wall better than us older folks, and they
- 8 see so many ways that we are escalating to oblivion, and
- 9 the nuclear problem is one of the ways, it seems more
- 10 people would agree.

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- 11 So I just want to express Joanna Macy's idea
- 12 that instead of burying the nuclear waste, we should keep
- 13 them above ground and build monuments around them and have
- 14 something like the Peace Corps watching these monuments and
- 15 have people take pilgrimages to these places so we can see
- 16 the mistakes of our choices; that we made short-term
- 17 choices, not thinking about life on this planet, but mostly
- 18 thinking about the bottom line.
- 19 And I think that just yesterday there were
- 20 two men from the telephone company burying some telephone
- 21 lines right near my house across the street from here, and
- 22 these two all-American young men who were digging the ditch
- 23 were just talking so sadly about the future. They could
- 24 see the changes in Mammoth. They grew up in this area.
- 25 They could see the overdevelopment there and how it's

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- 1 destroying everything. And I just feel that -- these are
- 2 men with wives and children.
- And I just feel like we need to do something
- 4 different than stick our heads in the sand. We need to
- 5 admit our mistakes and tell it like it is so that the young
- 6 people will have hope that maybe we will approach our
- 7 problem-solving differently.
- 8 MR. SKIPPER: Thank you for your comment.
- 9 THE FACILITATOR: The next speaker is Jane
- 10 Williams.